

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An edge band, comprising:
 - a wood portion including a first side and a second side;
 - a protective layer;
 - a first adhesive that is disposed between the protective layer and the first side of the wood portion, the first adhesive is adapted to at least partially attach the protective layer to the wood portion; and
 - a second adhesive disposed on a second side of the wood portion, the second adhesive is adapted to at least partially attach the wood portion to a separate component.
2. An edge band as recited in claim 1, wherein the attachment strength of the first adhesive relative to the wood portion is less strong than the attachment strength of the second adhesive relative to the wood portion.
3. An edge band as recited in claim 1, wherein the first adhesive is comprised of a material that forms a non-permanent attachment between the wood portion and the protective layer.
4. An edge band as recited in claim 1, further comprising a stain that is disposed on the wood portion.
5. An edge band as recited in claim 4, wherein the stain serves to at least partially modify the color of a portion of the wood portion.
6. An edge band as recited in claim 5, wherein the stain serves to at least partially neutralize the color of a portion of the wood portion.

7. An edge band as recited in claim 1, wherein the protective layer is comprised of a plastic material.
8. An edge band as recited in claim 1, wherein the protective layer is comprised of a non-plastic material.
9. An article comprising:
 - a first surface;
 - a second surface;
 - at least one edge surface connecting the first surface and the second surface; and
 - an edge band disposed on the edge surface, the edge band including:
 - a wood portion;
 - a first adhesive disposed between the wood portion and the edge surface to connect the wood portion to the edge surface; and
 - a removable protective layer attached to the wood portion.
10. An article as recited in claim 9, wherein the edge band includes a stain disposed on the wood portion.
11. An article as recited in claim 9, wherein the article is comprised of particle board, plywood, cardboard, chip board, a composite, or wood-based material.
12. An article as recited in claim 9, wherein the protective layer is comprised of plastic.

13. A method for finishing an article, comprising:
 - providing an article having a first surface, a second surface, and at least an edge portion connecting the first surface and the second surface;
 - providing an edge band, comprising:
 - a protective layer;
 - a wood portion including a first side and a second side;
 - a first adhesive disposed between the protective layer and the first side of the wood portion to connect the protective layer to the wood portion; and
 - a second adhesive disposed on the second side of the wood portion;
 - attaching the edge band to the edge portion;
 - applying a finish material to the first surface of the article; and
 - removing the protective layer from the wood portion.
14. A method as recited in claim 13, including applying a finish material to the second surface of the article.
15. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the edge portion is finished with the second surface.
16. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the finish is applied to the first surface prior to the removal of the protective layer.
17. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein the finish is applied to the second surface after the removal of the protective layer.
18. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the first adhesive forms a weaker attachment with the wood portion than the second adhesive material forms with the wood portion.

19. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the wood portion includes a stain.
20. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the protective layer is comprised of plastic.
21. A method for forming an edge band, comprising:
 - forming a wood portion from a plurality of sources of wood, the wood portion including a first side and a second side;
 - applying a stain to the wood portion;
 - attaching a protective layer to the first side of the wood portion with a first adhesive; and
 - applying a second adhesive to the second side of the wood portion.
22. A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the first adhesive forms a weaker attachment to the wood portion than the second adhesive.
23. A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the protective layer is comprised of plastic.

24. A method for minimizing the buildup of finishing material on a two-sided, veneered object, including:
- providing an article with first and second spaced apart surfaces and an intermediate surface therebetween;
 - providing a protective layer over the intermediate surface at the time the veneer is applied to the intermediate surface;
 - finishing the first surface in a first pass;
 - removing the protective layer; and
 - finishing the second surface and the intermediate layer in a second pass.
25. A method as recited in claim 24, wherein the intermediate surface is an edge.
26. A method as recited in claim 24, wherein the protective layer includes a plastic or paper-based material.
27. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protective layer is provided on a roll of veneer.
28. A method as recited in claim 26, including the step of flipping or turning the object between finishing steps.
29. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the veneer includes a wood portion.
30. A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the removal of the protective layer occurs after the second pass.